Utilization of ICDS funds

882. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of utilization of funds under ICDS, with reference to budgetary allocations made during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that basic social sections, such as SCs, STs, are not getting their deserved benefits under this scheme; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to set this discrimination right?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The budget allocation and the funds utilized by Government of India during the last three years are as under:

(Rupees in crore)

SL No.	Year	Budgetary Allocation	Funds utilized by Government of India
1.	2004-05	2167.44	2215.03
2.	2005-06	3685.30	3696.53
3.	2006-07	4543.00	4422.78

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The Scheme, envisages that in the selection of Projects in rural areas, priority is to be given to the areas predominantly inhabited by SCs/STs. In the selection of ward(s) in urban areas for urban projects, priority is given to slums and areas predominantly inhabited by SCs/STs. The States have also been requested to consider setting up of Mini Anganwadis in areas having sufficient SC population in rural/urban areas.

Amount allotted for anganwadis

883. SHRI THENNALA G BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated for anganwadis during the last two years, Statewise;

(b) the total amount spent during that period, State-wise;

(c) whether any court has given any directions in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) A Statement showing total amount released by Government of India to the States/UTs under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme and the amount reported as utilized by the States/UTs for 2005-06 and 2006-07 is enclosed *(See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.